



Tilton Main Street Program

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Thank You To Our Sponsors & Planting Partners:

Many thanks to the generosity of several sponsors, Lowe's, Provident National Bank, Tilton Main Street Program, and an anonymous donor for the plants in our flower barrels this year. In addition, one Lowe's employee and clients from the Lakes Region Community Service Council joined with Tilton Main Street volunteers to place the barrels on the street and do the planting. Each year always brings a new challenge to this project, and this year it was finding a clear day without rain to complete it. The sun is finally out and the barrels look great. Thanks to everyone involved....enjoy.

Summer Fair, August 12th:

Once again, the State DOT has granted permission to close Main Street to vehicular traffic between School Street & Park Street, on Saturday, August 12th from 8:00 AM to 4:00PM. In addition to businesses on the street, there are 23 outside vendors & crafters registered at this time, with space for many more. The activities of the day, so far, include the annual Rubber Turtle Race...tickets will go on sale in July; music, food, children's amusement rides, blueberry pie eating contest, cake decorating contest with a children's birthday cake theme, sidewalk chalk art, and a wide variety of vendors, crafters, and local Main Street businesses. As mentioned, space is still available, and this is a good opportunity for any organization to participate and do some fundraising. Call 286-8668 for more info and registration form.

Tilton Farmer's Market:

At this time, the Wednesday, 3:00-6:00PM Farmer's Market across from the PD is not completely settled yet as to that location. However, in addition to that one, we are planning a weekly market in the parking lot & grassy area adjacent to the old Post Office at 5 Prospect St, running on Saturdays from July 8th to the middle of September, 9:00AM to 1:00PM. We have three vendors committed at this time, but room for more. We are looking for bakers, eggs, produce, jams & jellies...or whatever. Please call Tim Lang at 286-4007 for info or Tilton Main Street Program Office at 286-8668.

Tilton History For Sale:

There are at least three pieces of Tilton History for sale on downtown Main Street; all three are on the National Register of Historic Buildings.

The Charles E. Tilton Block was erected as one structure for Charles E. Tilton in 1886, but later the building ownership was divided, and the two parts of the building were given different storefronts. This building now has one large first floor office and two second floor apartments.

The Copp Gristmill was built for Hazen Copp in 1872. An addition was added at the turn of the century and now houses a Laundromat and two additional commercial spaces in the original mill first floor. The recent renovations turned the upper stories to four apartments, while maintaining many of the historic features of the building.

Adjacent to the Grist Mill is Copp Mill No. 3, built in 1877 for Copp. The upper story was added in 1889 when the building was converted to a shoe factory. Subsequent to that it was at one time an optical company. Currently it is vacant and ready for some creative renovations & revitalization.

Riverfront Place Welcomes Its First Tenants:

The first tenants have moved into Riverfront Place at 322 West Main Street. Attorney James Shepherd has moved his law practice into a suite overlooking downtown and the river. Jaime's Cut & Curl brought her loyal customers with her, but is also getting a fair amount of walk in business. Both businesses are enjoying their new space and look forward to others moving in. Rumor has it that a Quilt & Fabric Shop will be moving in soon. Riverfront Place is a welcome addition to Main Street and will be a great asset to downtown.

Tilton Main Street Program Getting a New Website:

Two local entrepreneurs are helping to develop a new look and website for the Main Street Program. We are working on some new and exciting links and ideas for this site; look for us soon on a computer near you!

Jack Wiley's Lakes Region Supply Moves Downtown:

Located at 307 Main Street, they sell motorcycle and snowmobile parts and accessories. Welcome to downtown.

Rent a Piece of Tilton Downtown History:

Looking to expand your business or start a new one. There are several storefronts available on Main Street, Downtown Tilton. There are five spaces available sized in square feet 400, 750, 800, 1000 and 1800. Call 286-8668 for more info.