

## Events Planned for the 2018 Medina Bicentennial Celebration

**Note: The events listed below are those planned as of May 2017. Some events may change or not occur and new events may be added. The current list of events will be available on the Bicentennial website: [www.Medina200.com](http://www.Medina200.com)**

**The Bicentennial Celebration Committee, established by Mayor Dennis Hanwell, has endeavored to provide a wide range of activities which will be presented throughout 2018. We have attempted to incorporate aspects of Medina's history into most events.**

**The committee recognizes that other organizations, businesses, families and individuals may have ideas for other events to include in our community's celebration. We welcome your participation and are willing to assist with promoting your involvement. Please contact the committee at our website with your ideas or your interest in becoming more directly involved.**

## Let's Celebrate, Medina!

### November 2017

- Since the Medina community was **established on November 30, 1818**, Medina will celebrate for an entire year beginning in November of 2017.
- The Bicentennial and its upcoming events, including a "Founders Float" will be featured in the **Candlelight Walk parade**. Historic characters in costume will be present on the Square during the Candlelight weekend.

### December 2017

- One special event in this month will be the partnering of the Bicentennial committee with **Castle Noel to present a seasonal program**.
- Another event will provide a church service focusing on the **many blessings present in our community**. The Ministerial Association will be asked to help present this service.

### January 2018 This month we will recognize our pioneer heritage.

- We plan to provide an event where **living history characters** such as Elijah Boardman and Austin Badger are portrayed by actors as they tell their stories. **Medina Library, Medina Community Rooms A+B, Saturday, January 13, 2018, Noon to 5:00 pm**
- There will be a celebration of Medina as the county seat focusing **on the early courthouses**. This is planned to include ticketed tours of the old courthouses with guided narration.

- Using existing spaces such as the library and City Hall lobby, **artifacts from the pioneer era will be displayed.**
- A concert featuring **the music of pioneer times and the use of traditional instruments.** It is planned that a local church will host this event.

## **February 2018** Events this month will feature programs connected to **Black History month.**

- A tour of homes in and around Medina that were **stops on the Underground Railroad** will be one major event. **Local homeowners** will be involved as well as information from local experts.
- A series of lectures presenting **Medina's role in civil rights history**, particularly the abolitionist movement, will be presented. **H. G. Blake** will be featured so one program will be at the **elementary school**. Another program will be at the **High School** and feature a historic discussion of Blake and the Black Laws.
- A DVD containing a visual and oral **History of the Black Community in Medina** will debut. The format for this film will be in a Ken Burns style.
- We plan to provide an event where **living history characters** such as Frederick Douglass, Harriet Tubman and Sojourner Truth they tell their stories. **Medina Library, Medina Community Rooms A +B, Saturday, February 24, 2018 Time: Noon to 5:00 pm**

## **March 2018** This month the emphasis will be on the many contributions by women to Medina's history.

- We plan to provide an event where **living history characters** such as Freda Snyder, Wilda Bell and Letha E. House are portrayed by actors as they tell their stories. **Medina Library, Medina Community Room A+B, Saturday, March 10, 2018, 9:30 am to 2:00 pm**
- An opportunity will be scheduled for all the **women's groups in Medina to present their programs** and efforts to the community. This could include groups such as the University Women and 100 Women That Care.
- A tea will be offered with a program that includes a **presentation of women in Medina's history.**

## **April 2018** We will focus on the Civil War and Medina's many fires. They were pivotal events in the community's development.

- The fires of April (1848, 1870 and 1877) will be remembered with a lecture and photo display. **Saturday, April 14, 2018 at the Medina Fire House Museum, 50 Public Square.** Time to be determined.

- **Medina's role in the Civil War**, which ended in April of 1865, will be recalled with displays and lectures presented by the Historical Society.
- **The community will be invited to share their memories of Medina and to share what they love most about the community in captioned photos.** This project will continue through the end of the year.

## **May 2018** The focus will be on the impact of America's military conflicts on Medina.

- There will be a **Civil War encampment reenactment at Spring Grove Cemetery.** The reenactors may march in the Memorial Day parade. Details to be announced.
- **The Friends of the Cemetery will present a history of Medina's cemeteries and host a program featuring Civil War era actors on the grounds and a review of the monuments connected to the Civil War and prominent Medinians in Spring Grove Cemetery.** Date and times to be announced.
- **The current veteran groups will be invited to present a history of Medina's part in WWII, Korea, Vietnam and the more recent conflicts beginning with the 1980's.** Local veterans, including medical service individuals, will be invited to share personal insights.
- **The Memorial Day parade will emphasize Medina's history in the Services and include the activities of civilians in home front Medina. Monday, May 28, 2018 - Time of Event: 10:00 am.**

## **June 2018** Existing summer events will be enhanced with Bicentennial elements.

- Beginning this month, **the Community Band concert series will celebrate the music of our past with historical readings being presented during each concert.**
- In conjunction with Main Street's **Kids Day of Fun and Safety**, there will be displays and games and costumes presented **reflecting the lives of Medina children in the past.** Games may include: jacks, marbles, jump rope, balsa planes, sack races, 3-legged races, hoop sticks, quoit contests, wheelbarrow races, tag with flag football belts and others. **Date: June 9, 2018, 9:00 am to 6:00 pm, Public Square Park.**
- In conjunction with **Pizza Palooza**, there will be a city-wide invitation to submit favorite recipes for a **Bicentennial cookbook. June 16, 2018, 9:00 am to 6: pm, Public Square Park.**

## **July 2018**

- **Homecoming Week** will be celebrated from **July 4<sup>th</sup> through July 11<sup>th</sup>.** Current and former residents will be invited to make a special effort to join in the Homecoming Festivities. The proposed schedule is as follows:

### **Wednesday, July 4<sup>th</sup>**

**Parade – The entire community is invited to become a part of this year’s parade through floats and marchers.**

**Patriotic Band concert in the gazebo**

**Fireworks at the High School**

### **Thursday, July 5<sup>th</sup>**

**Showing videos of old Medina on big screen in the Park**

### **Friday, July 6<sup>th</sup>**

**Bicentennial Celebration Band Concert in the gazebo**

### **Saturday and Sunday, July 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>**

**Carnival style activities on the Square**

**Possible Saturday night fireworks from the Courthouse parking deck – 9:30 pm**

**Monday, July 9<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, July 10<sup>th</sup> - Activities will be in coordination with Arts Week events and are to be determined.**

### **Wednesday, July 11<sup>th</sup> - Medina High School Annual Reunion**

- There will be a program of special **Arts activities for Arts Week** leading up to Art in the Park on the 15<sup>th</sup> of July. **Dates: July 9 – 13, 2018, Noon and evenings, at the Gazebo.**
- Medina’s Bicentennial, and the County’s, will be celebrated at the County Fair at the end of July and beginning of August. An event in the Uptown Park will recall **the first county fairs** that were held there and may include a visit from the Honey Bee Queen. **July 28, 2018, 10:00 am – 3:00 pm, Public Square Park.**

## **August 2018**

- At the annual **Affair on the Square**, displays and presentations will focus on Medina becoming a city and the community’s growth in 50’s & 60’s. **Sunday, August 12, 2018. 11:00 am to 5:00 pm.**
- A lecture will be presented on the **history of transportation** in Medina including early pioneer travel, the development of roadways, the advent of the railroad the completion of I-71 and Freedom Field. **Medina Library, Community Rooms A+B, Saturday, August 18, 2018, Noon to 4:00 pm.**

- Bicentennial programs will be presented as part of the annual **International Fest** activity. These could include a major involvement with the MC Genealogy Society which could do on-site family history searches. **August 25, 2018, 11:00 am to 6:00 pm. Public Square Park.**

## September 2018

- **Spirits of the Past** has been asked to present more recent characters from our history. The sponsoring groups have been asked to be involved throughout the year-long celebration with its traditional characters
- The **History of the Medina City Schools** will be a focus this month. The schools will be asked to have special events and presentations near the end of the month.

## October 2018

- The long **history of Manufacturing and Industry in Medina** will be a focus. There will be a partnership with the Chamber of Commerce for programming. **Medina Library, Medina Community Rooms A+B, Saturday, October 20, 2018, Noon to 5:00 pm**
- The **Restoration of the Square** will be celebrated – The Bicentennial Committee will work with the **Community Design Committee** to provide programming. Tours of public square buildings will be available.
- An **original play** presenting Medina's history will be performed in a school venue.

## November 2018

- We will celebrate the present with the recognition of **Medina's growth** in population, community amenities, visitations, schools and **our overall quality of life**. This may be accomplished with lectures, public displays and speeches.
- **The Candlelight Walk parade** will focus on Medina's sense of place; the real world life the community offers set in our picturesque historic town. The entire community is invited to be involved with the parade and the festivities.
- **On the actual anniversary date of the founding of the community (November 30<sup>th</sup>) a ticketed dinner dance will be held as a concluding event to the Bicentennial Celebration.** Location to be determined.

