

Upcoming Events for the 2018 Medina Bicentennial Celebration

Note: The events listed below are those planned **as of March 2018**. 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

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!

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

- **March 3rd and 4th: Medina County Home and Garden Show, Medina County Fairgrounds Community Building.** The event will feature displays and presentations about the **City and County Bicentennials**.
- **Saturday, March 10, 2018, 11:00 a.m. at the Medina Library** There will be a presentation on the vital role of women in Medina's history. Living history characters portrayed by actors will also tell the stories of **Wilda Bell, Letha E. House and Freda Snyder**.

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

- **Saturday, April 7th, 1:00 p.m. at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 317 E. Liberty.** The Medina County Historical Society will present: Medina in the Civil War: Citizens and Soldiers in their Own Words.
- **Sunday, April 8th at the Smart House, 206 North Elmwood, 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. The Historical Society's Open House will recall Medina's role in the Civil War with guided tours and artifact displays.**

- **Saturday, April 14th, 1:00 p.m. at the Medina Town Hall and Engine House Museum, 50 Public Square.** The fires of April (1848, 1870 and 1877) and others will be remembered with a program that includes a history of the **Medina Fire Department**.
- **Sunday, April 15th, 4:00 p.m. at Miss Molly's Tea Room. *Mystery Women in Medina's History*** Historical vignettes. Heavy hors d'oeuvres, desserts, wine, beer, tea and coffee. Tickets: \$25.00 available at Miss Molly's. **Seating is limited to 150.**

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

- **Saturday, May 19th, Armed Forces Day. 1:00 to 6:00 p.m. in the Public Square Park.** Current veteran groups have been invited to present information their organizations and on Medina's part in WWII, Korea, Vietnam and the more recent conflicts beginning with the 1980's.
- **Saturday, May 26th.** The Friends of the Medina Cemetery will host programs featuring Civil War era reenactors, crafts and a review of the monuments connected to the Civil War and Medina families in Spring Grove Cemetery.
- **Friday night through Saturday afternoon, Memorial Day Weekend:** There will be a Civil War encampment at Spring Grove Cemetery. Please visit www.friendsofmedinacemetery.com for details.
- **The Memorial Day parade** will emphasize Medina's history in the Services and may include the activities of civilians in home front Medina. **Monday, May 28, 2018. Time of Event: 10:00 am.**

June 2018 Bicentennial events will be part of the family fun events provided by Main Street Medina.

- **Saturday, June 2nd in the Public Square Park** - 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 and others.

July 2018

- **Homecoming Week** will be celebrated from **July 3rd through July 11th**. Current and former residents are invited to make a special effort to join in the Homecoming Festivities. The proposed schedule is as follows:

HOMECOMING WEEK

Tuesday, July 3rd through Wednesday, July 11th.

Date and Events

- July 3rd** **Annual Holiday Fireworks program at Medina High School**
- July 4th** **Official Bicentennial Celebration Parade – 5:00 around the Square**
Annual Independence Day concert by the Historic Medina Community Band
- July 5th** **A display of Medina Police Department vehicles and gear with officers providing information about each display. On the Square – 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.**
Big Screen videos of Historic Medina – Public Square Park - 9:00 p.m.
- July 6th** **Family party at the Memorial Park Outdoor Pool – Food from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Pool open until 7:00 p.m,**
Historic Medina Community Band Concert in the Gazebo in the Public Square Park – 8:30
- July 7th** **Farmers' Market – 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**
1:00 to 7:00 p.m. – Assorted games activities, music and entertainment on the Square.
7:00 to 9:00 – Jazz Concert in the Public Square Park
- July 8th** **2:00 to 5:00 p.m. – The Medina Fire Department will have a display of department vehicles and gear with firefighters providing information about each display. Firefighters will also do demonstrations and offer family fun programming.**

July 9th The Medina County Arts Council will present a **Children's Program at Noon in the Public Square Park.**

From 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. on Broadway Street there will be a **display of Medina Service and Parks Departments vehicles and gear with employees providing information about each display.** Vehicles could include garbage truck, snow plow, water buffalo, tractors, street sweeper and other unique items of equipment. The public will be able to see these vehicles up close.

At 9:00 p.m. there will be a **Big Screen video party by the gazebo** showing a family movie with refreshments provided.

July 10th The Medina County Arts Council will present a **Children's Program at Noon in the Public Square Park and also an Arts Week Concert in the Gazebo beginning at 7:00 p.m.**

July 11th The **Annual Medina High School 50+ Reunion luncheon** will be held at Weymouth Country Club. 11:00 to 2:00.

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- **Saturday, July 21st, Public Square Park, 10:00 to 2:00.** **Old Time County Fair on the Square.** 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.

August 2018

- **Sunday, August 12th. 11:00 am to 3:00 pm.** 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.
- 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, 1:00 p.m.**

- **August 25, 2018, 11:00 am to 4:00 pm. Public Square Park.** Bicentennial programs will be presented as part of Main Street Medina's program that day. These could include a major involvement with the MC Genealogy Society which could do on-site family history searches.

September 2018

- **September 6th, 7th, and 8th :** **Spirits of the Past** will present a special Bicentennial program.
- The **History of the Medina City Schools** will be a focus this month. The schools have been asked to have special events and presentations near the end of the month.

October 2018

- **Saturday, October 20, 2018, 1:00 pm.** The long **history of Manufacturing and Industry in Medina** will be the focus in partnership with the Chamber of Commerce. **Medina Library, Medina Community Rooms A+B.**
- The **Restoration of the Square** will be celebrated – The Bicentennial Committee will work with the **Community Design Committee** to provide programming. Historic Tours of public square may be available.

November 2018

- We will celebrate the present with the recognition of **Medina's growth** in population, community amenities, 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 30th) a ticketed dinner dance will be held as a concluding event to the Bicentennial Celebration.** Location and details to be determined.