

## Upcoming Events for the 2018 Medina Bicentennial Celebration

Note: The events listed below are those planned **as of May 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](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!

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

- **Saturday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, 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 26<sup>th</sup>.** 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](http://www.friendsofmedinacemetery.com) for details.
- **The Memorial Day parade** will emphasize Medina's history in the Services. Marchers will include some in historic uniforms. **Monday, May 28, 2018. Time of Event: 10:00 am.**
- **May 25<sup>th</sup> - Community Photo Invitation begins:** All members of the community are invited to submit photos using the Authorization Form on the Bicentennial website. Your photo(s) may become part of an historic pictorial of our town in 2018. Please see the website for details.

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

- **Saturday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Public Square Park** - In conjunction with Main Street's **Kids Day of Fun and Safety**, there will be **games played by Medina children in the past**. Games may include: jacks, jump rope, balsa planes, sack races, 3-legged races, hoop sticks, wheelbarrow races and others.
- **Saturday, June 16<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 – 2:00 during Pizza Palooza**. The Medina Town Hall and Engine House Museum will feature **a new display of photos, artifacts and clippings from Medina's Sesquicentennial in 1968**.

**July 2018**

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

**MEDINA BICENTENNIAL HOMECOMING WEEK!**

Tuesday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> through Wednesday, July 11<sup>th</sup>.

- **Date and Events**
- **July 3<sup>rd</sup>** Annual **Holiday Fireworks** program at the High School – at dusk.
- **July 4<sup>th</sup>** **Official Bicentennial Celebration Parade** – 4:00 on the Square - To participate, complete and submit the form found on the Bicentennial website or on the website for the City of Medina.  
  
8:25 p.m. Annual **Independence Day** concert by the Historic **Medina Community Band**.
- **July 5<sup>th</sup>** 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. **NASA Display Trailer will be open** in the County Administration Building parking lot by East Liberty.

**7:00 to 9:00 p.m.** In the Square on Broadway – A display of **Medina Police Department vehicles and gear** with officers providing information about each display.

**9:00 p.m.** **Public Square Park** - Big Screen videos of Historic Medina. Videos of Medina beginning as far back as 1918 will be shown with narration. Free popcorn provided.

**7:00 - 9:30 p.m.** **Memorial Park near the pool** Celeb/Pro Disc Golf Doubles Tournament, with vintage car displays.

- **July 6<sup>th</sup>** **Rockin' the Park 'n' Pool: Bicentennial Homecoming Party & Picnic at the Memorial Park Outdoor Pool**

**10:00** Park grounds open for party/picnic

**10:00 – 7:00** Family-friendly activities: live music, arts & crafts, Recycle-a-Bike, MHS alum gathering, much more!

**11-7** Pool open for free swimming (no admission charge)

**11-2** Picnic: free hot dogs, chips, beverages

**4-7** Reunion of pool managers, lifeguards, swim instructors, parks & recreation staff.

**7:00** Pool closes, party ends.

**4:00 to 8:00** **NASA Display Trailer will be open** in the County Administration Building parking lot by East Liberty.

**8:25 p.m.** Historic **Medina Community Band Concert** in the Gazebo in the Public Square Park.

- **July 7<sup>th</sup>** **Farmers' Market – 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

**10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.** **NASA Display Trailer will be open** in the County Administration Building parking lot by East Liberty.

**1:00 to 4:00 p.m.** – Assorted games, activities, music and entertainment on the Square. Final programming details are still in development.

**2:00 to 4:00 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 pieces of equipment up close.

**7:00 to 9:00** – **Jazz Concert in the Public Square Park.**

- **July 8<sup>th</sup>** **1:00 to 3:00** **Picnic in the Park** – Bring your own blanket and picnic basket with plates, utensils and personal food – **Hot dogs, buns, fixin's, and a piece of Medina 200 birthday cake will be provided.** There will be old fashioned pie and hot dog eating contests as well as games, music and other entertainments.

**1:00 to 3:00 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 9<sup>th</sup> – July 12<sup>th</sup>** The Medina County Arts Council will present a **Children's Program at Noon** in the Public Square Park and an **Arts Week Concert** in the Gazebo beginning at **7:00 p.m.** each day.
- **July 11<sup>th</sup>** **11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** **The Annual Medina High School 50+ Reunion luncheon will be held at Weymouth Country Club.** This event will mark the close of Homecoming Week.

- **Saturday, July 21<sup>st</sup>, 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 12<sup>th</sup>. 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 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> : 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 30<sup>th</sup>) a ticketed dinner dance will be held as a concluding event to the Bicentennial Celebration.** Location: **Williams on the Lake**. Details to be determined.