



The Marketplace Merchant

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Bands wanted for The BIG GIG - Bringing Local Sound Downtown to the Riverfront Amphitheater

Alton Marketplace and Riverbender.com are announcing the first stage of The BIG GIG Local Music Show set for Saturday, August 1st at the Alton Riverfront Amphitheater. The event will spotlight area musicians at Alton's new 4,000 seat performing arts venue.

Six Metro East bands will be chosen to perform their original music at the amphitheater and will be featured on the event program and interactive website. A volunteer selection committee will narrow the entries down to six finalists, and ticket buyers will vote for their favorite band which will determine the headliner. The winning band will play a 60-minute headliner set and five bands will each play 40-

minute opening sets. Band recruitment is now in progress until May 31st.

A live feed of the event will be broadcast on Riverbender.com/music. The



headlining band will also receive several promotional tools to advance their music career including: airtime and feature interview on WLCA 89.9 FM, professional press

kit, DVD of their BIG GIG performance, free studio time, promotional article in the Telegraph and the featured artist spot on Riverbender.com.

Tickets will be \$10.00, and \$1.00 from every ticket sold will be donated to the Jacoby Arts Center to advance their live music endeavors. Each band will receive a portion of the proceeds for all tickets they sell.

The event is open to all genres of music; any band that is interested in entering can visit www.AltonMarketplace.com and download an application to be sent in along with a band photo and an audio file, CD or video of at least three original songs that best represent their music style. Bands may also choose to include one optional cover song in their entry package.

Mark Your Calendars for these great June events!

All-Wheels Drive-In Car Show
New location:
3rd Street / State / Belle
June 14 (8am-4pm)

Antique & Classic Boat Festival
At the Alton Marina
June 27 (11am-5pm)
June 28* (11am-3pm)

The Celebration of Broadway Sidewalk Sale
June 28* (10am-4pm)

*Free transportation will be provided on 6/28 between the two events listed - make a day of it!

Director's Note ~

We're gearing up for our busy event season & we'll be doing double duty on Saturday, May 30th! This date will kick off the season of the Alton Farmers' & Artisans' Market, where you can find locally grown produce & hand-created artwork from 8am-Noon. Later that day from 1pm-5pm, will be Marketplace's first Downtown Poker Run! Get your \$20 ticket at Ciao Bella Scooters or Biker Brother Leather, then collect playing cards from your favorite downtown bars all afternoon. Big cash prizes will be awarded for the best poker hand. Stick around for Downtown Alton Inc.'s Block Party featuring the great band "Back in the Saddle"!



~ Sara

"I know the price of success: dedication, hard work and an unremitting devotion to the things you want to see happen."

-Frank Lloyd Wright



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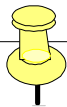
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A community based,
not-for-profit, volunteer
organization dedicated to
securing the economic
vitality and aesthetic
quality of the district.



HELP WANTED!

Please lend a hand on
May 9th at 9am — we
need help installing the
beautiful hanging baskets
& planting annuals in
the streetscape beds.
For more info, call Russ
Smith of Downtown
Alton Inc. at: 462-1175

Alton Marketplace Partners—News, Sales & Events!

Iris Boutique—

Join Iris on May 9th for a Grand Opening event! Shop new arrivals, and enjoy special giveaways, beverages & snacks! Free Tee with a \$50 purchase (limit 1 per customer) New clothing lines arriving include: Brighton Accessories, Capri Blue Candles, Sugar Sandles, Modern Amusement, Johnny Was L.A., Boy Meets Girl, Language L.A. For more info, please contact Casey Cox at 433-2900 or email: irisboutique09@yahoo.com

St. Paul's Episcopal

Parish—

Will be sponsoring a giant rummage sale on Sat, May 9th from 8am-1pm! You'll find plenty of yard/garage sale items as well as concessions & baked goods. An entrance fee of \$2 per person will be charged, and children are free. All proceeds will go to St. Paul's Episcopal Church School. Volunteers are needed, please call 433-1554 if you'd like to help!

Saint Anthony's Health Center—

You are invited to an Economic Summit sponsored by Saint Anthony's Foundation, featuring Peter Yastrow, Market Strategist with DT Trading and featured analyst on CNBC. The program is set for Tuesday, May 12; doors open at 5 p.m. with heavy appetizers being served. The presentation will begin at 6 p.m. To register, please call 463-5306 or email: foundation@sahc.org.

Home Helpers—

Is a non-medical in home care provider located at 200 W. 3rd Street - Suite 712. They offer a wide array of services for new moms, individuals in rehabilitation, respite care, and customized services for seniors & others in need. For a free in home consultation, please call 462-2762 or email: hhlcc@att.net. You can also visit them on the web at: www.homehelpers.cc

Alton Stained Glass Works—

Is now offering "Art Glass Classes To Go"! These classes are available for stained glass, mosaics, fused plates & jewelry, stepping-stones, and glass bead making. Alton Stained Glass Works makes it easy to plan an impressive and memorable office party, bridal shower or other special event. No prior experience is necessary, the classes are great for all ages, and clean up is even provided for the hostess. The store also offers many products, including: finished art glass pieces, seasonal gift items, tools for stained glass & bead making, as well as glass supplies in numerous colors, textures, shapes & sizes. Custom projects can be designed to fit the specifics of any space: windows, lamps, mirrors, cabinet doors and more! For more info, stop by the store at 412 E. Broadway, call 462-4145, or visit: www.altonartglass.com

Enjoy a free open-air movie with Outdoor Cinema Events!

Friday, May 22—"Movie On The Mississippi: TOP GUN" at the Alton Riverfront Amphitheater
Monetary donations appreciated to benefit The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society

Friday, June 19—"Movie In The Park: THE SOUND OF MUSIC" at Haskell Park in Alton
Sponsored By The Friends Of Haskell Park, Duke Bakery, Hayner Library, & Alton Park & Recreation

Wednesday, July 1—"Movie On The Mississippi: GREASE" at the Alton Riverfront Amphitheater
Sponsored By Greg Mossman of State Farm Insurance & Duke Bakery

For a full schedule of events, please visit: www.outdoorcinemaevents.com

To book an event, please contact Jay & Stephanie Sinclair at: 618-531-9335 or outdoorcinemaevents@gmail.com