



# The Marketplace Merchant

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## Community Christmas Tree Lighting & Taste of Downtown on Friday, Nov 21st!

The annual tree lighting at Lincoln-Douglas Square is sure to be a hit once again! Santa & Mrs. Claus will arrive at 6pm – all kids get a free photo & candy! After the blessing & lighting of the tree, the cast of Marquette Catholic High School’s production of “A Christmas Story”, will perform an act of the play to close the

festivities at the



Ralphie Parker

Look-A-Like contest! The winning contestant will

be determined by votes of non-perishable food items that will be collected that evening & given to the Salvation Army, so bring your cans to vote!

*Alton Marketplace & Downtown Alton Inc. would like to thank the sponsoring businesses for making the Tree Lighting & Taste of Downtown possible:*  
Hotel Stratford, Hayner Library, Tony's, WBGZ Radio, The Telegraph, Lausckhe & Associates, American Water, Chez Marilyn, Royal Office Products, Sheppard, Morgan & Schwaab, All-Pro Office Technology, Crown Optical, Edward Jones, Bossanova, My Just Desserts, Gentelin's on Broadway, Spirits Lounge, Mac's Time Out, KaFer Café, Princivalli's & the Alton Marina

Alton Marketplace & Downtown Alton Inc. are also teaming up to put on a spectacular event to coincide with the tree

lighting – the “Taste of Downtown” from 5pm-7pm at the Hotel Stratford. Many of your favorite downtown restaurants will be on hand offering

free samples of their signature food & beverages, and downtown retailers will be offer their wares to anyone wanting to complete the experience with a little

holiday shopping! Would you like to be a volunteer or vendor? Do you really look like Ralphie? Please call 463-1016 for more info!

## Director's Note ~

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all of the volunteers that helped make the Challenge of the Bluffs Run, the Lincoln-Douglas Sesquicentennial Festival, and the City-Wide Litter Clean-Up such great successes.

Again this year, the Alton Marketplace office is a collection site for the United Way Community Christmas campaign. The drive will collect toys, clothing & non-perishable food items from Nov. 3rd to Dec. 14th, and donations will be distributed by local agencies. Anyone who's already getting into the holiday spirit is welcome to volunteer with Alton Marketplace to hang greenery & holiday lights on light poles! We'll meet in the 100 block of 3rd Street on Sat, Nov 15th at 9am - hope to see you!



~ Sara

## Mississippi River Clean Up

Sponsored by



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Volunteers are needed to clean the islands and shorelines of Alton of trash and debris!

Sat, November 8th  
9-12pm  
At Riverfront Park

Boat #1: departs at 9am  
returns at 11am

Boat #2: departs at 10am  
returns at 12 pm

Please wear sunscreen, long pants, and closed toe shoes that you don't mind getting wet or muddy.

Free t-shirts for all volunteers! We'll also provide water bottles, gloves, and bags.

Registration is not necessary, but appreciated:  
[cfavilla10@sbcglobal.net](mailto:cfavilla10@sbcglobal.net)  
or 618-462-6802



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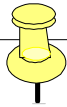
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A community based,  
not-for-profit, volunteer  
organization dedicated to  
securing the economic  
vitality and aesthetic  
quality of the district.



Buy your friends and  
family a gift this  
holiday season that is  
**LOCAL and ECO-FRIENDLY!**

*6th Annual  
Green Gift Bazaar*

Black Friday is now  
**GREEN Friday!**

<b>Friday, Nov. 28th 7am-6pm</b>	<b>Saturday, Nov. 29th 10am-2pm</b>
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Local artisans, crafters,  
and shop owners providing  
eco-friendly gifts for sale!

**220 Alton Square Mall  
Upper Level Store  
Top of the Escalators**

- No entry fee to shop
- Kids make a FREE  
Holiday Nature Craft
- Live holiday  
music!



## *Alton Marketplace Partners—News, Sales & Events!*

### Temple Banquet Center— Argosy Casino—

2<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL WINE  
TASTING— over 60  
wines! Join us at the  
Temple Banquet Center  
(300 State Street, 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Floor)

When: Friday, November  
7th, 2008

Time: 6:30pm - 9:30pm

Cost: \$15 per person  
(\$10 goes towards your  
wine purchase)

Includes: Wine sampling,  
assorted cheeses, crackers,  
fruits, etc. For more info,  
please call: 463-5555.

### Alton Acoustic Arts—

Is sponsoring a costume  
contest to benefit the  
Mustard Seed Peace  
Project, on Halloween  
night at the Big Muddy  
Pub. There is a \$10 fee to  
enter with a \$100 grand  
prize. The contest will take  
place during intermission  
of the Earth & Sky  
concert, who will play  
from 10:00-2:00. For more  
info, please call 208-3458.

### The Chippendales

This world popular group is  
back by popular demand for  
two nights at the Argosy.

November 7th & 8th,

7pm and 9:30pm shows  
each night. Tickets are \$25  
and are on sale now! Call  
1-800-711-4263 or stop by  
guest services today.

### The Telegraph—

The Telegraph offers online  
readers the opportunity to  
contribute to the website  
via their online forum  
called "Publish Your Stuff".  
Users can create a blog, and  
post about any topic they  
like as often as they like. To  
take advantage of this  
feature, first you'll need to  
sign up for a free account  
on [www.thetelegraph.com](http://www.thetelegraph.com).  
Then click the "blog" tab  
under your user profile and  
follow the prompts to set  
one up – if you need help,  
they even have how-to  
videos posted in the local  
news videos section online!

Get your copy of the new



### **BROCHURE!**

The Artfully Alton commit-  
tee has spent the past year  
dressing up empty store-  
fronts, placing local art-  
work into businesses &  
identifying existing places  
to view or purchase locally  
created art in the down-  
town district. A beautiful  
full-color brochure listing  
27 stops mapping out a  
self-guided tour of the arts  
in downtown Alton is hot  
off the press!

Thanks to: JMC Design,  
Hayner Public Library,  
Spirits Lounge, Sheppard,  
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Grapevine, CMAX Photog-  
raphy, Second Reading  
Book Shop, Gentelin's on  
Broadway, Party Purses,  
Alton Acoustic Arts,  
Alton Antiques & Décor,  
Mississippi Mud Pottery,  
Alton Stained Glass  
Works, Gebbs Total Video,  
Jacoby Arts Center, KaFer  
Café, and Alton Chiro-  
practic & Neurology.  
Brochures are available at  
any location on the tour,  
or one can be requested by  
mail by calling 463-1016.

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hard work on the project!*

### 3<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL ALTON POLICE BENEVOLENT AND PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION TRIVIA NIGHT

SAT. NOV 8, 2008 @ 7:00 PM at HOLIDAY INN  
10 ROUNDS OF TRIVIA – plus 50/50 & other games!

Price: \$100.00 PER TABLE (up to 10 people) \* Prizes: 1<sup>ST</sup>  
Place - \$200.00 2<sup>ND</sup> Place - \$100.00

Soda, popcorn, and pretzels provided—you may bring your own  
snacks – cash bar w/ drink specials

To reserve your table (by 11/1) please mail registration to:

Det. Mike O'Neill, 1700 E. Broadway, Alton, IL, 62002

Phone: 618-463-3505 ext. 271 e-mail: [oneill@altonpolice.com](mailto:oneill@altonpolice.com)

(make checks payable to Alton P.B. & P.A.)