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Your future depends on many things, but mostly on YOU.

-Frank Tyger

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Kansas Main Street Quarterly Training

"Transforming Ordinary People into Effective Board Members and Fundraising Superheroes"

The next quarterly training will be held April 14 in Seneca. "Transforming Ordinary People into Effective Board Members and Fundraising Superheroes", will be presented by Carol Weisman. Carol is an internationally known speaker specializing in volunteerism, fundraising and governance. Topics will include:

- The three steps of fundraising
- The work of the fundraising committee
- Board member roles and responsibilities
- Finding board members who are both passionate about your mission and willing to implement a fundraising strategy



To see the flyer and for more information on registering, [click here](#). Registration is electronic - just click on the link (or go to our website or Facebook page) and click on the "register here" button. This training is open to Kansas Main Street designated communities and Kansas Downtown Network members. For more information on becoming a Kansas Downtown Network member, contact us at (785) 296-3485.

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Positive Economic Impact Downtown

Second Quarter reports from the 25 designated Kansas Main Street communities for Oct., Nov. and Dec. 2010

- 18 façade projects = \$123,800
- 64 rehabs/new construction projects = \$1,076,174.35
- 19 buildings sold = \$1,760,044
- Nine public improvement projects = \$582,656.63
- 45 new businesses created = 168 new jobs
- 16 relocations/business expansions = 47 additional jobs
- 18 businesses lost = 60 jobs lost
- Net new jobs created = 155
- Volunteer hours = 16,208
- Total reinvestment = \$3,542,674.98



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National Trust Community Investment Corporation Awarded New Markets Tax Credits for 2011

On Feb. 24, the U.S. Department of Treasury and Community Development Financial Institutions Fund Director Donna Gambrell announced that the National Trust Community Investment Corporation received \$28 million in tax credit authority from the Round 8 New Markets Tax Credit Program.

The allocation will be used to provide equity investments and loans to real estate projects that rehabilitate vacant properties in designated economic development districts, bringing community service facilities, jobs and retail to low-income communities throughout the nation. To learn more about this announcement visit the [PreservationNation.org blog](#).

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Local Main Street Program to Assist with Epic Downtown Development

Peabody Main Street Association has teamed up with the City of Peabody on a milestone downtown development project. By leveraging historic and housing tax credits, the \$2 million project will rehabilitate six of Peabody's historic downtown buildings, and create 13 upper story apartments.



The six buildings were vacated by Baker Furniture in late 2009. Peabody Economic Development and Main Street Director Shane Marler worked with Christy Davis of Davis Preservation to prepare an application for housing tax credits. In addition to Davis Preservation, which will assist the city with the development, the project team includes Treanor Architects and Midwest Housing Equity Group.

"We cannot leave our future to chance," said Tom Schmidt, Peabody City Council member. "We must be proactive in our efforts to ensure the future viability of our community." "This project will address a number of key issues for the City of Peabody," said David Scott, Peabody City Council member. "It will address housing concerns, and give Peabody a notable advantage in the recruitment of new businesses to the downtown corridor."

"We are incredibly excited about this project," said Shane Marler, Peabody Economic Development and Main Street Director. "The historic buildings in Peabody's downtown are what make the community unique. Without them, Peabody would be just like every other community. So the redevelopment of downtown is incredibly important not only to the long-term marketing strategies of the community but also for the economic stability of the area as a whole."

Founded in 1989, Peabody Main Street has been advocating for the historic preservation of its downtown district for more than 20 years. This new found partnership with the local municipality will help the local Main Street program

take a massive step toward the preservation of a truly unique Kansas asset.

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New Workshops Offered by Kansas Historical Society

The Kansas Historical Society has added several new workshops to a growing list of educational opportunities available for those interested in historic preservation. [Click here](#) to see the full list.

- Four Heritage Trust Fund (HTF) grant workshops have been scheduled for May in Chanute, June in McPherson, July in Hays and August in Topeka. [Click here](#) for details. Don't forget to reserve a space.
- Three pre-conference sessions exploring some of the basics of preservation programs in Kansas will be held at the Kansas Historical Society in Topeka just before the beginning of the annual state preservation conference on June 2. No registration is necessary for these pre-conference sessions.
- Staff from the Kansas Historical Society will present information of particular interest to local historical societies, historic sites and museums during a two-day class held in conjunction with the 2011 Kansas Archeology Training Program (KATP) near Westmoreland, Kan. on June 9-10. Registration fees apply and prior registration is required.

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Grants Available for Energy Efficiency Improvements

USDA Rural Development is accepting applications for grants and loan guarantees in the Rural Energy for America Program (REAP) for fiscal year 2011. Don't wait to submit your project application. Applying early may increase the opportunity for your project to be funded. The initial application deadline is March 31, 2011. Later application deadlines may be announced as they are made available. Please contact David Kramer at (785) 271-2736 with questions.

To find out more information about these grants, [click here](#).

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