



## Micro-Grant Program



## Canton Main Street Micro Grant

Canton Main Street wants to help entrepreneurs take steps towards opening new businesses, expanding an existing business they've just purchased, or maintain a current business in our downtown. To this end Canton Main Street will be providing two \$1,500 grants in 2023. The first \$1,500 grant this spring will be for new businesses or a new owner expanding an existing business they just purchased. The second \$1,500 grant this fall will be for an already established business.

Applications for the first grant will be accepted starting Wednesday, May 17th. If you or any business owners you know may be interested, please reach out to Cole McDaniel, Executive Director of the Spoon River Partnership for Economic Development. Phone: 309-647-2677 Ext: 4, or Email: [cmcdaniel@cantonillinois.org](mailto:cmcdaniel@cantonillinois.org)

## 31 Artists Exhibiting at Art on Main

10TH ANNIVERSARY  
**ART**  
ON MAIN  
FINE ARTS FESTIVAL  
CANTON, ILLINOIS

**JUNE 3 & 4, 2023**

**SAT. 9AM - 4:30PM**  
**SUN. 9AM - 3:00PM**  
**DOWNTOWN, JONES PARK**

**ART, MUSIC, FOOD & WINE**

This project is partially supported by a grant from the Illinois Arts Council Agency, with funding from the National Endowment for the Arts and the Two Rivers Arts Council.

ILLINOIS ARTS COUNCIL AGENCY  
NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE ARTS  
TWO RIVERS ARTS COUNCIL

The 2023 Art on Main Fine Arts Festival is co-sponsored by: City of Canton, Canton Main Street, CEFCU, CFC Properties, Edward Jones - Rusty Melhouse, Edward Jones - Maggie Connell, Walmart, State Farm - Chuck Taylor, and Barbara Luthy.

 Canton Art on Main  






Check out our Artists Here!

**CLC Documentary Screening**

"Class Dismissed shows parents a glimpse into the future of education. Everyone concerned with education would benefit by watching this film"

- John Taylor Gatto, Former New York State Teacher of the Year and Author

# Class Dismissed

A Film About Learning Outside of the Classroom

Documentary Screening  
presented by



Sunday, May 21, 4:30 PM

Gary Baker Recreation Center

@ Big Creek Park

940 N Main St. Canton, IL

Public Welcome • Light Refreshments • Q&A to Follow

PRODUCED BY JEREMY STUART & DUSTIN WOODARD

CINEMATOGRAPHY BY BILLY MARCHESE & ROY ROBLES MUSIC BY JONAS FRIEDMAN

EDITED BY JEREMY STUART WRITTEN BY JEREMY STUART & LEIGH SCOTT

DIRECTED BY JEREMY STUART

3STORYFILMS

ClassDismissedMovie.com

[Learn More!](#)

**Farmers Market Starts in June!**



Every Saturday  
June - September  
7:30 - 11:30 AM  
Jones Park

Canton Main Street  
**FARMERS MARKET**

Learn More!

## Sundays @ OTO



**SUNDAY**  
MENU  
11AM-4PM

*Official*  
*Since 2000*  
**TIME OUT**  
*Sports Bar and Grill*

**EVERYTHING**  
IS  
A LA CARTE

**STARTERS**

Hot Cheese Balls		French Fries	\$2.95
Onion Tangles	\$7.50	Chips	\$1.25
Fried Green Beans			

**CONCESSION STAND**

Cheeseburger	\$9.95	Chicken Salad Sandwich	\$7.50
Tenderloin	\$9.95	Hot Ham & Cheese	\$8.00
Breaded Chicken Sandwich	\$9.95	Chicken Strips	\$8.50

**ON THE SIDE**

Ask Your Server	Lettuce, Onion, Tomato, & Pickle Dipping Sauces
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**BEER**

Domestic Buckets  
5 FOR \$11

**BOOZE**

Bloody Mary	\$7
Mimosa	\$5

**SUNDAY FUNDAYS**  
OUTSIDE & INSIDE

 [FACEBOOK.COM/OFFICIALTIMEOUT](https://www.facebook.com/OFFICIALTIMEOUT)

 309-647-6553

 68 E. ELM ST., CANTON, IL 61520

**American Legion Honor Flight**

# American Legion Honor Flight CRUISE IN

MAY 20TH, 2023

11 a m - 3 p m

All Proceeds Will be Donated to the  
Honor Flight

**50/50 RAFFLE**

Food and Drinks will be Available for Purchase



550 S 4TH AVE. CANTON, IL 61520



**Canton Cruise-In**

# Canton 32nd Annual CRUISE-IN



4:00-8:00 PM

## Friday June 16, 2023

Come to downtown Canton for an evening filled with Street Rods, Antique Automobiles, Classic Cars, Muscle Cars, Motorcycles, and other collectibles on wheels! Music, Food, Games and inflatables for kids, and 50/50 drawing, trophies, t-shirts for sale, and more!



Street Rods \* Antique Auto \* Classic Cars \* Muscle Cars \* Motorcycles  
All Collectibles on Wheels are welcome! \* Free Registration!

## Downtown Canton Illinois

Sponsored in Part By:



### Community Shred Day!

## CANTON, HENRY & MACOMB

# Community Shred Day

Saturday, May 20th  
8 am - 11 am





# Root Beer SOCIAL



**May 15th \* 12:30-1:30pm**

*Float on over to the Gary Baker Recreation Center for Root Beer Floats and cookies, compliments of Courtyard Estates of Canton.*

*Card tables and pool tables will be open to the public.*

*Have questions about the services offered at Courtyard Estates? We will be available to answer any questions you may have during this event!*



*Courtyard Estates  
of Canton*

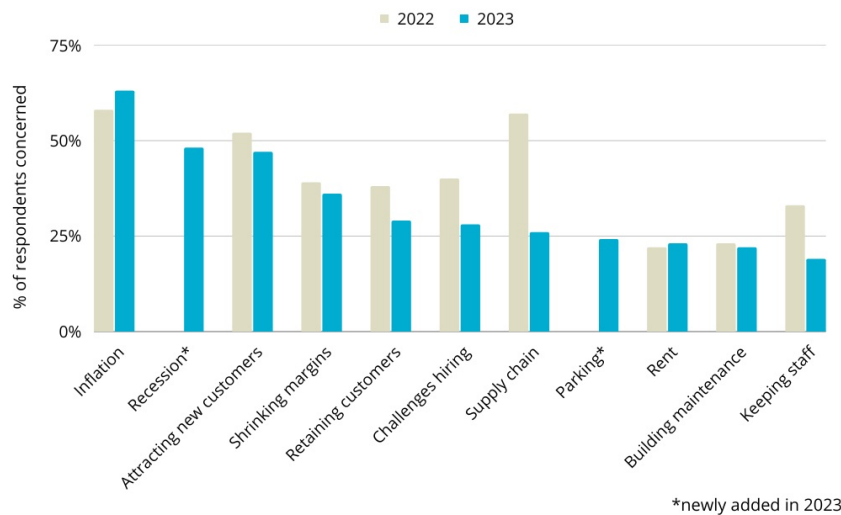
[CourtyardEstates.net](http://CourtyardEstates.net)

### **Location**

160 E. Walnut St., Canton, IL  
309.647.6400

# SMALL BUSINESS CONCERNS

See how respondents rated their concerns in 2023 and how they compare to 2022:



## Survey Says - Main Street Businesses Confidence is Growing and Other Findings from the Spring 2023 Small Business Survey

The Spring 2023 Small Business Survey offered many insights that are valuable for Main Street programs looking to better support their businesses. Topline, data-backed takeaways include:

- Small businesses' sources of pride and strengths offer inspiration for successful "shop local" promotions.
- Downtowns and commercial corridors as the home of small, independent small businesses, especially those that are women- and family-owned.
- The broad range of concerns seen in the 2022 Small Business Survey have lessened, though concerns about a possible recession loom large.
- Owners of businesses located in, or served by, Main Street programs were more confident about their business success and more optimistic about their potential for revenue and staffing growth in 2023.
- Owners of retail businesses and businesses that have been in operation for more than 10 years are feeling greater precarity and nervousness, so offering extra support to these businesses could be especially beneficial.

There's so much more behind these top takeaways! Keep reading for a full analysis of these survey results, including comparisons to previous surveys, as well as insights on how to use this information to help inform your work supporting entrepreneurs on Main Street.

[Read More!](#)

## Renew your membership with CMS



### MEMBERSHIP...

Become a business, organization, or individual member!

Become a board member or serve on one of our committees!



### DEVELOPMENT...

Starting a new business? We have the resources and connections to help you get started!



### EVENTS...

Sponsor one, some or all of our events; receive advertising in return!

Volunteer through planning or working at one of our events!

## Thank You to our new or renewing members!



*Princess Creations...*



## A Message from the Spoon River Partnership for Economic Development (SRPED)...



The Spoon River Partnership for Economic Development is committed to community engagement and downtown revitalization efforts. We believe that a thriving downtown is the heart of any community, and we are dedicated to ensuring that downtown Canton is a vibrant and prosperous place for everyone.

To achieve this goal, we will be working on a new initiative to engage with the local community and involve them in the revitalization efforts of downtown Canton. We believe that community engagement is the key to success, and we want to hear from you!

We want to know what you love about downtown, what you think could be improved, and what kinds of businesses and amenities you would like to see in the area.

We will be holding a series of town hall meetings and community events to gather input from residents, business owners, and other stakeholders. We encourage everyone to attend these events and share their ideas and feedback. Your input will help us create a revitalization plan that reflects the needs and desires of the community.

In addition to community engagement, we are also working to attract new businesses and investment to Fulton County. We believe that a diverse mix of businesses and amenities is essential for county wide growth, and we are actively seeking out new opportunities to bring in new businesses and create new jobs.

We are also working to improve the physical appearance of downtown Canton. We believe that a clean, attractive, and well-maintained downtown is essential for attracting both residents and visitors. We are partnering with local organizations and businesses to beautify the downtown area, with initiatives ranging from street cleaning and landscaping to public art installations.

In conclusion, the Spoon River Partnership for Economic Development is committed to community engagement, downtown revitalization and supporting local businesses; among many other initiatives. We believe that by working together, we can create a downtown that is prosperous, vibrant, and welcoming to everyone. We encourage everyone to get involved and help us shape the

future of downtown Canton.



**SPOON RIVER  
PARTNERSHIP**  
for Economic Development

SRPED is dedicated to serving as a catalyst for economic and community development. Our mission is to create community partnerships, business opportunities, and implement programs and projects that foster growth and development.

[SRPED Website](#)



**President:** Dana Smith; **Vice President & Organization Chair:** Eric Duffield, **Secretary:** Jodi Wilcoxon; **Treasurer:** Ryan Spangler, **Promotions Chair:** Carol Kohler, **Board Members:** Kevin Stephenson. **Staff Members:** Cole McDaniel and Amanda Sampson

[CMS Website](#)

Canton Main Street is committed to the revitalization and preservation of Canton's historic downtown by promoting a positive community image, fostering downtown business growth and development, and encouraging ongoing efforts to improve the heart of our community.

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