



**Hometown Minnesota, Inc.**

*Hometown Minnesota, Inc. is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization founded by communities active in the old Minnesota Main Street™ Program. Hometown Minnesota is an advocate for enhancing and revitalizing the heart of small Minnesota communities, the Main Street business district.*

*Hometown Minnesota promotes sustainable local economic development, community character and local history, and community-based entrepreneurial development. By connecting Minnesota communities with resources, technical assistance, and the organizational experience of other communities, Hometown Minnesota helps communities preserve and restore their downtown districts.*

**Hometown Minnesota workshops are made possible through your memberships.**

**Become a member or renew your membership today.**

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**Hometown Minnesota Workshop**  
**May 23, 2008**  
**9:00 am – 12:00 pm**

**Initiative Foundation**  
**405 First Street SE**  
**Little Falls, Minnesota**

**Let your voice be heard!**  
 Recreating Minnesota's Main Street™ Program

Do small cities in Minnesota need a source of technical and financial assistance for strengthening their downtowns? Many states have a formal statewide Main Street™ program that provides such assistance to communities revitalizing their historic downtown areas. Minnesota has not had a formal statewide program for 14 years. **Join Hometown Minnesota in Little Falls on Friday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>** to let us know how a statewide program could help your community.

A group of interested organizations and individuals are working to create a new statewide Main Street™ program. **Thom Guzman, Director of the Iowa Downtown Resource Center** will describe the benefits and limitations of a statewide program, and **Bonnie McDonald, Preservation Alliance of Minnesota**, will describe the opportunity for creating a new statewide Minnesota program.

The workshop will address questions such as:

- How can a statewide program provide meaningful assistance to local communities?
- Should a statewide program be part of a state agency, a non-profit agency, or another form?
- How can the program address urban and neighborhood commercial centers, which also play a "Main Street" role in the community?
- What do small cities believe are the critical components of a statewide program?

**Cost: \$75.00 per workshop per community**  
 Workshops are free to Hometown member communities. Refreshments will be provided.

**RSVP for the May 23rd Workshop to:**  
**Leah Posterick**  
 1-320-631-2053, [lposterick@ifound.org](mailto:lposterick@ifound.org)



**Hometown Minnesota, Inc.**

**Please sign us up for a Hometown Membership!**

**Membership Information**

Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_

City or Organization  
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Address  
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Phone  
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Email  
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**I have enclosed \$200 payment**

**Please bill me**

**Little Falls Workshop**

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**Initiative Foundation  
405 First Street SE  
Little Falls, MN 56345**

**Little Falls Workshop Registration Only**

**Registration Information**

Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_

City or Organization  
\_\_\_\_\_

Number of  
Workshop Attendees \_\_\_\_\_

**Please enclose a check for \$75**

Make checks out to Hometown Minnesota, Inc.,

**Mail Little Falls Registration to:**

**Leah Posterick  
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Little Falls, Minnesota 56345**