

2011 Downtown Events

1. **St. Patrick's Day Celebration** – KDA is partnering with Cook McDoogal's Irish Pub, 100 N. Main St., for a St. Patrick's Celebration from 4 p.m. to 10 p.m. in a tent in the City Parking lot behind Cook McDoogal's. There will be entertainment, beverages, and food. You have to be 21 and older to attend, and there is a cover charge of \$5. For more information, contact Jake Young at Cook McDoogal's, 765-450-6143.
2. **Spring flower basket planting** – More than 100 volunteers will plant flower cuttings in more than 340 baskets at Country Raisin's Greenhouse 10 a.m. to noon and 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. on March 30. To volunteer, contact John Wiles at jwiles@greaterkokomo.com or telephone 765-454-7926.
3. **Farmers' Market** – Will open April 2 and close for the season on Oct. 30. The market is located in the City Parking lot on Union Street between Sycamore and Walnut streets. Hours are 8 a.m. to noon each Saturday. Amanda Wright-Jarrett is director. KDA and Ivy Tech Community College of Kokomo are partners with the market. For more information, contact Wright-Jarrett at 765-507-0146 or visit www.kokomofarmersmarket.com
4. **Outdoor flower planting** – More than 100 volunteers will plant flowers downtown 8 a.m. to noon May 21. To volunteer, contact John Wiles at jwiles@greaterKokomo.com or telephone 765-454-7926.
5. **Strawberry Festival:** 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. June 2 (Thursday); Glover's ice cream, local Amish-made shortcake, and strawberries from Moore's Pie Shop for \$5. Normally, 5,000 attend and we sell out by 2 p.m. For more information, contact Rhonda Eastman at 765-457-5301.
6. **Oktoberfest:** 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Sept. 23 (Friday); a major event (more than 5,000 attend) with VW Cruise-in bringing people from throughout the Midwest and Canada. For more information, contact Rhonda Eastman at 765-457-5301.
7. **Light Up Your Holiday/Window Decoration Contest** – Dec. 3. For more information, contact Rhonda Eastman at 765-457-5301.
8. **New Year's Eve:** 11 p.m. to 12:15 a.m. Dec. 31; KHS Technokats Ball Drop; Mike Milligan and Steam Shovel will perform; a great fireworks show from the Courthouse roof. Normally, 5,000 attend. It is the only free show in town. For more information, contact Rhonda Eastman at 765-457-5301.
9. **Other 2011 downtown events:**
 - June 11 - Ribfest (4 p.m.-midnight in Foster Park)
 - June 30-July 2 - Haynes Apperson Festival
 - Aug. 20 - Taste of Kokomo (5 p.m. – 11 p.m.)
 - Sept. 17 - Ladies Night Out 5K
10. **Summer Concert Series in Foster Park:**
 - June 11 – Chicago's greatest hits featuring Danny Seraphine and CTA
 - June 17 – Mitch Ryder and the Detroit Wheels
 - June 24 – Firefall
 - July 8 – Lukas Nelson and the POR
 - July 22 – Rik Emmett of Triumph
 - July 29 – Boston's greatest hits featuring former lead singer Fran Cosmo and guitarist Anton Cosmo
 - Aug. 12 – Confederate Railroad with Paul Stout