

Manchester Sesquicentennial Celebration – August 2017

Community Planning Open House

Tuesday, July 26, 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM

MAHS Kingsley-Jenter House, 302 E. Main St.



What's This About?

The Manchester Area Historical Society (MAHS), the Village of Manchester, and the Manchester Area Chamber of Commerce are planning for a Sesquicentennial (150th anniversary) Celebration, in honor of the incorporation of Manchester as a village in March 1867. A wide variety of events are planned.

The dates are **Tuesday, August 1, 2017** through **Tuesday, August 8, 2017**, centered around the annual Run Manchester/Manchester Street Festival to be held August 5, 2017. The MAHS Kingsley-Jenter House at 302 E. Main St. will serve as the central location for events and planning.

The goals of the Sesquicentennial Celebration are to:

1. Recognize and promote Manchester's unique history, and develop a greater outreach to community members concerning our history, particularly younger generations.
2. To promote greater Manchester participation in local events, and to preserve and appreciate how we arrived at where we are today.
3. To promote historical tourism and attract a large number of out-of-area persons to come to Manchester and experience what we have.
4. To cause former Manchester residents to return during this period to their former home, and reconnect with what we are doing and where they came from.

What Are We Planning?

Possible events identified to date include:

1. Historic-themed home and building tours, presentations and displays
2. “Antiques Road Show” at the Kingsley-Jenter House
3. “Manchester Main Street Dinner”, held outdoors “farm-to-table” style
4. Sesquicentennial Parade
5. Historic baseball games – celebrating Manchester’s former baseball bat factory
6. Regional volleyball tournament around the town
7. Replicating the Manchester 1872 Birds Eye View portrait with a 2017 Birds Eye View equivalent
8. Sesquicentennial celebration ball – historic dress
9. “Centennials Reunion” – Participants in the 1967 Centennial celebration reunite, and we invite former residents to return and reconnect
10. A Sesquicentennial celebration booklet - 1967 vs 2017 – then and now downtown, as well as photos and descriptions of the events
11. Canoe/kayak race
12. Agriculture day – local agri-tourism tours
13. Industry Open House Day – “Tech Walk” – local manufacturers open their doors (CEI Composites, Martinrea, AMCOR, PPS, etc.) – what do they make?
14. Planned publication of “Manchester – The Early Days, Volume 1”, by Ray Berg and Alan Dyer

We Need You!

We are looking for your ideas and suggestions! We’re looking for volunteers who will help with the events!

So, a community Sesquicentennial Planning Open House will be held at the **Kingsley-Jenter House on July 26 between 6:00 PM and 9:00 PM**. This is a come-and-go-as-you-please event. Refreshments will be served. We’ll have posters around the house on which you can write your ideas, comment on current thoughts, and add anything you want!

Please come and join us!!



Main Street, Manchester, 1867