



Pekin Main Street 2010 Events

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Eagle Census Festival (Saturday, January 23, 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.):

Unique event held annually in conjunction with the official National Eagle Census Day to count the number of wintering Eagles on the Illinois River. Event includes wildlife coloring contest, eagle viewing bus tours, and eagle-related programming, including a 'Birds of Prey' show from Wildlife Prairie Park. Family event.

Pekin Fire Days (Saturday, May 15, 11:00am Parade & Noon – 3:30pm Fire Fest):

Celebration of fire service heritage to showcase local area fire equipment from antiques to new models. Free entertainment and kids activities held around the Courthouse block downtown. Pekin Fire Department celebrating 150th anniversary. Family event.

Downtown Farmer's Market & Artists (Weekly, Thursdays Mid June – September)

Open-air market featuring locally grown fresh produce, delicious baked goods, flowers and herbs, crafts, organic items and arts. Free, live entertainment periodically on the Courthouse lawn. Held on Capitol Street, opposite the Courthouse. Family event.

Summer Fun on Court (Saturday June 12 & Friday July 9 from 5:00-10:00 p.m.):

June – Blues Fest by the River City Blues Society

July – Jamm Sammich Band

Music fills the air in historic downtown Pekin with an outdoor street party. Bring your lawn chair and enjoy the live entertainment and food vendor available. Family event, although alcohol will be sold.

Pekin Main Street Super Cruise (Friday July 30, 4 – 10p.m./Saturday July 31, 1 - 8p.m.):

Event expands, 2 Day Event

Downtown Pekin fills up with beautifully restored to new model cars, trucks & bikes for this 5th annual popular event. Last year over 6,000 people attended this event to view over 800 cars, trucks and bikes on display. Live music, food & vehicle related vendors, awards and spirits will be available. Free registration for vehicle display. Family event, although alcohol will be sold.

Friday Night Family Fest (Friday, September 10, 5:00-10:00 p.m.):

Popular downtown fun event which kicks-off the annual Marigold Festival. Features five hours of free entertainment on two stages, including the Lip Sync Contest with 32 acts of all ages. Huge variety of food vendors, soft drinks and kid activities. Family event with expanded kid zone.

Halloween Parade and Downtown Trick or Treat (Saturday, October 23, 10:00 – 2:00 p.m.)

A popular age-old tradition to Downtown Pekin. All ages costume judging contest with prizes, parade down Court Street, and trick or treating at downtown businesses with treats for the kids & promotions. Family event.

Halloween Pub Tour (Saturday, October 23, 7:00-11:00 p.m.)

Jack-O-Lantern night out with pub stops at downtown establishments. Includes t-shirt, entertainment, sports game challenge with cash prize, raffle and drink specials. Adult event.

Christmas on Court Luminary Walk (Friday, December 3, 5:00 - 8:00p.m.)

Over 1,000 candlelight luminaries bathe downtown Pekin with a warm, festive glow for this early evening Business Open House. Strolling carolers, horse-drawn carriage rides, outdoor theatre and photos with Santa. Family event.

Santa House (Weekends in December)

Another age-old tradition returns to Downtown Pekin with the arrival of the Santa House on the Courthouse lawn. Santa is available for visits and will also accept letters and wish lists.