

## Junior Auburn Main Street

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### Summary

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### Description

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In 2021 we were recognized by National Main Street as an affiliate member. As a Main Street America Affiliate™, Auburn Main Street is part of a national network of more than 1,200 neighborhoods and communities who share both a commitment to creating high-quality places and to building stronger communities through preservation-based economic development.

In December 2021 the City of Auburn was recently selected for the Hoosier Enduring Legacy Program. This program was a competitive program where the City of Auburn was selected by the Office of Community and Rural Affairs. The funding will ultimately end with a matching funds \$1M fund for a community driven LEGACY project from the American Rescue Funds Act money that was provided to our state and city. This is such an exciting opportunity for our community to work collaboratively on researching and ultimately selecting and determining Auburn's Legacy Project over the next 12-24 months.

In 2022 our Junior Auburn Main Street students worked with the City of Auburn's Parks department and CreatINg Spaces Grant with IHCD and Patroncity to raise money for 12 new ADA compliant water fountain stations in 5 area parks. They raised over \$17,500 for the matching funds of \$17,500 for a successful project. Those funds were able to be matched by the Hoosier Enduring Legacy Project for the selected Memorial Park renovation. This will be underway in 2024.

In 2024, the Junior Auburn Main Street students worked with the American Legion Post 97 to install a New Dekalb County Veteran Memorial at 9th Street. They will need to raise \$50K in 50 days to receive the Matching funds from IHCD and Patroncity from the My Community My Vision Program.