

## Minnesota Main Street Program

Over the past 7 years, Minnesota Main Street has facilitated real results in participating communities.

In 2016, for every \$1 spent to run a local Main Street program, \$35.33 was reinvested back in to the community.



2016 PUBLIC AND PRIVATE FINANCIAL INVESTMENT: **\$15.16 MILLION**Program to date: \$48.4 MILLION



2016 PROPERTY IMPROVEMENTS: 75 Program to date: 426



2016 NET NEW BUSINESSES: 24

Program to date: 115



2016 NET NEW JOBS: 172

Program to date: 543



2016 VOLUNTEER HOURS: 7,239

Program to date: 45,700

### What Do You Want to See Downtown?

The City of Albert Lea is going to apply to become part of the Minnesota Main Street program. As you can tell from the infographic above, the program has demonstrated returns. Main Street communities are provided with training, tools, information and a network to keep their commercial districts healthy. The program is based on four principles – **economic vitality, design, organization and promotion.** 

We've accomplished a lot in our downtown. Public and private investment have filled storefronts and delighted tourists and locals alike. We want to keep the city moving forward.

We want to engage the community throughout the process. What do you want to see downtown? Have an idea you want to share? Please call the administration office at (507) 377-4330 or email info@ci.albertlea.mn.us.

# Parks and Recreation

**Public Skate** 

**Monday - Friday** 

1-3 p.m.

Sundays

6-8 p.m.

\$4.00 Fee

\$1.00 skate rental



Ages 4-12 years



Mom and Dad, treat yourself and your kids! Kids may enjoy games, arts and crafts, and a movie, while you enjoy the night off. Pizza and drink provided. If the weather is nice we may enjoy some time outside as well, so dress the part!

#### Friday, February 9th

Drop-off anytime 5:30 pm; pick up by 10 pm.
Edgewater Bay Pavilion
\$8.00 for first child; \$4.00 for each
additional child
Register by February 5th

Check us out @ www.cityofalbertlea.org

## Albert Lea Public Library

(507) 377-4350, 211 E. Clark St., Albert Lea, MN
Visit us online 24/7 at www.alplonline.org.
Hours: Sun.: 1-5 p.m., Mon.-Thurs.: 9 a.m.-7 p.m., Fri.: 1-6 p.m. Closed Sat.

# Reading Programs in Full Swing!

Watch for our Spring and Summer

Fun Guide with Community Ed in

your mailbox soon!

Hot Reads for Cold Nights, our adult/YA reading program, is still going strong. To get started, just stop by the Fiction Library's circulation desk to pick up a reading journal.

Family Reads is for families with children. Sign up as a team and for every hour read and recorded, earn a raffle ticket. Sign up at the Children's Desk.

Both programs end Feb. 23.

Mark your calendar!

# Dr. Seuss Celebration

Thursday, Mar. I 2 to 4 p.m.

Join us for crafts, games & fun!

Sponsored by Friends of the Library

